

FURTHER CHARGES AGAINST HOOFF

Nine Indictments Returned by Grand Jury in Alexandria Corporation Court.

DATE OF TRIAL TO BE FIXED

Accused Man Is Expected to Appear To-Day and Furnish Bond.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Alexandria, Va., September 13.—A grand jury in the Corporation Court this afternoon at 1 o'clock, with John W. May as foreman, returned nine indictments against Lewis Hooft, secretary and general manager of the defunct Mercantile Railway Building and Loan Association.

The total amount in the indictments of which Hooft is accused of getting away with is \$8,650, a part of which is charged, Hooft took from the Mercantile, and the other part from the Virginia Safe Deposit and Trust Corporation.

Hooft will appear in the Corporation Court to-morrow morning, and give bond, at which time a date for his trial will be fixed. It is expected, however, that Hooft's trial will be fixed for November 13 next. The grand jury, in addition to presenting the nine indictments against Hooft, also presented to the court a written report in which they scored the board of directors of the defunct concern for being ignorant of its operations.

Indictments Against Hooft. The indictments returned against Hooft follow: June 30, 1910, larceny of one certificate for nine shares of stock of the Mercantile valued at \$900; May 11, 1910, thirty-three shares of stock valued at \$3,300; September 8, 1910, two certificates, or six shares of stock, valued at \$600; September 8, \$600 of currency, Virginia Safe Deposit and Trust Corporation; September 28, \$250 currency of the Virginia Safe Deposit and Trust Corporation; September 28, three shares of Mercantile stock valued at \$300; June 30, 1910, currency valued at \$1,500 from Virginia Safe Deposit and Trust Corporation; May 11, 1910, \$700 currency from the Virginia Safe Deposit and Trust Corporation; December 21, 1910, \$600 currency from the Virginia Safe Deposit and Trust Corporation.

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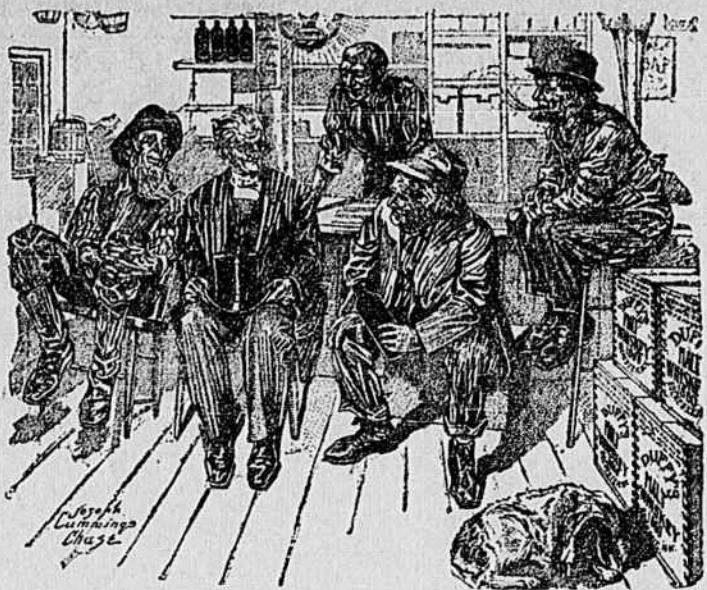
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CRY OF THE MOB IS NOT VOICE OF LAW

Opinion of Supreme Court in Sensational Fight for Possession of Lands.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Raleigh, N. C., September 13.—A notable case in a match of ten opinions delivered this evening by the Supreme Court, the first of this term, was that of the State against Davenport, from Gates county, no error. This confirms the conviction of T. S. Davenport and others for forcible trespass in a sensational fight of the Richmond Cedar Works against the Roper Lumber Company for the possession of a tract of timber in the Dismal Swamp. Davenport and forty men under him, for the Richmond Cedar Works, invaded the camp of the Roper Lumber Company's men, carrying axes, guns and other implements, and drove the men from their shanties and burned the latter. Then Davenport and his principal associates were convicted and sentenced for forcible trespass.

The court declares it should be well understood that individuals cannot usurp the law, and by their own procedure, and in violent manner, either protect or assert their right to property, and that the cry of the mob must not be mistaken for the voice of the law. Other opinions delivered by the court follow:

Owen vs. Hornthal et al., Washington; no error. Sutton vs. Lyons, Beaufort; no error. Swindell vs. Snavel, Beaufort; reversed. Taylor vs. Carrow, Beaufort; reversed. Grimes school trustees vs. Hinton, Pasquotank; appeal dismissed. Hinton vs. Hicks, Camden; new trial. State vs. Vaughan, Hertford; new trial. Grant vs. Mitchell, Bertie; new trial. Mills vs. board of graded school trustees of Oxford, Granville; error.

226 NAMES STRUCK FROM VOTING LIST

Norfolk, Va., September 13.—Circuit Judge White has struck from the voting list of Princess Anne county 226 names, alleged to be improperly thereon, because the county treasurer reported that they had not been assessed. A jury was selected yesterday from the twenty-five men brought here from Charlottesville.

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TRUE CONDITIONS OF GIRL'S DEATH

Coroner Declares Jury Knew Facts When It Returned Verdict.

ARRESTS EXPECTED TO-DAY

Body of Miss Hawkins Will Not Be Exhumed, but Investigation Continues.

Hendersonville, N. C., September 13.—Positive announcement was made to-night by Coroner W. R. Kirk that Myrtle Hawkins, whose body was found in Lake Okeola, Sunday, died as the result of an unlawful operation. The coroner's jury, which gave a verdict of death from "unknown causes" knew this fact at the time of the inquest, but made its finding indefinite, in order to allay suspicion of the girl's slayer, and make easier the detection of the criminal, Coroner Kirk stated to-night.

It was only after a storm of criticism from the general public that the coroner revealed the true situation, and announced that another inquest would be held Friday. Miss Hawkins' body will not be exhumed, he said, as this was considered unnecessary. There were rumors to-night that an arrest would follow on Thursday.

Coroner Kirk to-night admitted that the autopsy revealed the true conditions which led to the young woman's death. After a conference with Dr. A. B. Crafts, of this city, who assisted at the autopsy, it was decided then that an indefinite verdict should be given. In order to kill into a feeling of fancied security the slayer of Miss Hawkins, and thus assist in the capture.

Reward for Murderer. In addition to the rewards already offered, the Henderson county authorities will offer \$500 for the arrest of Miss Hawkins' murderer, and the citizens of Hendersonville will raise a fund.

There is no longer any mystery concerning the cause of the death of Miss Hawkins.

At the second inquest to be held to-morrow testimony will be brought out concerning several suspected parties. Detectives are at work on the case, and the woods surrounding the lake are being carefully searched for the spot where the tragedy occurred. The young girl died during an operation, and the body was left exposed to the elements for several days before being carried to the edge of the lake, where it was discovered on Sunday morning. The post-mortem examination disclosed the cause of death, and told the tale of the crime.

Citizens of Hendersonville are demanding that the officers get busy and bring to punishment the murderers of the unfortunate girl. To-day a subscription was circulated for funds to offer a reward of \$1,000. The county and State officials also have been called upon to add to this.

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ELKS VISIT NATIONAL HOME. Members of Bluefield Lodge Go on Excursion to Bedford City.

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